

Setting up of Dry Port in Madhya Pradesh

6903. KUMARI PUSPA DEVI SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal to set up a dry port in Madhya Pradesh is pending with the Union Government since long; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHED): (a) and (b). Wide feasibility studies for Inland Container Depots in M. P. have been conducted by organizations like RITES, no formal proposal for setting up such facility has been received by the Government.

Remittances from Indians Loving in Gulf Region

6904. SHRI K. H. MUNIYAPPA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the remittances from Indians living in Gulf region, since January, 1991 till date;

(b) whether these remittances have gone up; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (c). According to the RBI the latest year for which details of remittances are available is 1989-90, when total private transfer receipts were Rs. 3823.9 crores of which the Gulf region accounted for about 48 per cent.

Loans to Youth in Wardha, Maharashtra

6905. SHRI RAMCHANDRA CHANGARE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the nationalised banks are reluctant to advance loans for starting some occupation to the educated unemployed youth even though said loans have been sanctioned by the district industries centres;

(b) the number of such cases which are pending in Wardha district of Maharashtra since January 1, 1990; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to expedite the payment of the above loans?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c). The financing banks consider the request for loan assistance to educated unemployed persons received from District Industries Centre on merits of each case. The question of any reluctance on the part of the Banks to finance the above category of borrowers do not arise. Any complaint relating to the negative attitude of the Bank officials in the operation of the scheme can be looked into by the concerned bank, Reserve Bank of India or Government for remedial action. For the district of Wardha, the achievement of Banks in the Scheme was 260 against the target of 250 beneficiaries to be covered and there was no case pending since 1st January, 1990.

Embezzlement Cases in Banks

6906. SHRI KRISHAN DUTT SULTANPURI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of embezzle-